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Food for Fines under way at local libraries

NEWTON—The Food for Fines amnesty week continues to reap rewards for customers as well as local library systems and food pantries.

Non-perishable food is being collected by Catawba County Library System and the Hickory Public Library System **until Sunday, Dec. 6**. Patrons were invited to bring in one canned or boxed food item to defray \$1 of fines owed on overdue library materials. Canned food may not be used to pay for lost or damaged items, however.

In the spirit of the holidays, some residents are bringing in extra food whether they owe fines or not.

“It was a win-win situation,” said Karen Foss, library director. “The library is having late materials returned, and patrons feel good about helping others. Meanwhile our local food pantries are able to help more people in need.”

Non-perishable food collected by the county library system will go to Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry. Hickory Public Library System will send donated items to Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry. Both agencies are experiencing a heavy demand for food this season.

Foods in particular demand this year are dry cereals, macaroni products, dried beans, canned meats, two-pound bags of flour and cornmeal, grits, powdered puddings and gelatin.

For more information about how to help these human service agencies, contact ECCCM at 465-7002 or GHCCM at 327-0979.



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